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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO GREEK PRIME MINISTER

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER
CARAMANLIS FROM THE PRESIDENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: IT WAS A GREAT
PERSONAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO SEE AND TALK WITH YOU IN HEL-
SINKI, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE EFFORTS THAT YOU HAVE MADE
SINCE THEN TO KEEP US INFORMED OF YOUR VIEWS ON MATTERS OF
MUTUAL CONCERN. AMBASSADOR KUBISCH HAS REPORTED FULLY HIS
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RECENT CONVERSATION WITH YOU, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT

I SHARE COMPLETELY YOUR BELIEF ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTING NOW TO RESOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

3. YOU AND I HAVE DIFFERED ON THE WISDOM OF THE CONGRESSIONAL EMBARGO ON US ARMS TO TURKEY, BUT WE HAVE BOTH BEEN STRIVING TO ACHIEVE THE SAME GOAL, NAMELY A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IT IS MY CONVICTION THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO INFLUENCE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON CYPRUS NOW THAT THE EMBARGO HAS BEEN PARTIALLY LIFTED, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE SHALL SHORTLY BEGIN A MAJOR EFFORT TO TRY TO BREAK THE CURRENT IMPASSE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IN THIS ENDEAVOR, WE WILL BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER ENUNCIATED IN HIS SEPTEMBER 22 ADDRESS TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING THE PRINCIPLES THAT THE PRESENT DIVIDING LINES CANNOT BE PERMANENT. SINCE THE TERRITORIAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ISLAND ARE A KEY ISSUE IN ANY SETTLEMENT, WE SHALL SEEK SPECIFICALLY TO PERSUADE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING AND FLEXIBILITY ON THIS QUESTION.

5. IT WOULD BE OUR HOPE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY BY TURKEY WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS BETWEEN MR. CLERIDES AND MR. DENKTASH AND THAT THESE TALKS, ONCE RESTARTED, CAN PROCEED TO ADDRESS ALL THE OUTSTANDING ISSUE IN A SYSTEMATIC AND SUSTAINED MANNER. THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO ASSIST THE PARTIES IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS. LET ME ALSO ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE WILLING TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO FACILITATE A RESOLUTION OF THE GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEMS OVER THE AEGEAN AND THAT I FIRMLY BELIEVE THESE PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS.

6. WE ALSO WISH TO MEET, AS QUICKLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY AS POSSIBLE, GREECE'S REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE. IT IS IN OUR COMMON INTEREST THAT OUR LONG-STANDING ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIP BE RESTORED AND STRENGTHENED.

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ED. IN THIS CONNECTION, LET ME EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE TO BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS TO OUR MUTUAL ALLIES, OF A RESUMPTION BY GREECE OF A FULL ROLE IN NATO. AT THE SAME TIME, I HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF US MILITARY FACILITIES, WHOSE PRESENCE IN GREECE, I BELIEVE, SERVES THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND OF THE NATO ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE. I THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT WE REACH AN EARLY

AGREEMENT ON THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

7. FINALLY, LET ME NOTE THAT OUR CRITICS WILL INEVITABLY PORTRAY THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO LIFT THE EMBARGO AS CONDONING THE TURKISH MILITARY ACTION ON CYPRUS LAST YEAR. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE DO NOT CONDONE THE TURKISH ACTION, NOR DO WE CONDONE THE LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARDS A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT OVER THE PAST YEAR. AS I HAVE EMPHASIZED, THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WILL ENABLE THE UNITED STATES TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN TRYING TO ACHIEVE A FAIR AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND I HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE OF GREECE WILL COME TO VIEW THIS WEEK'S CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IN THAT LIGHT.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT. KISSINER UNQUOTE.
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